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Department of Community Services



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HARFORD COUNTY ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY DAYS OF SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER

(Bel Air, MD) - - In recognition of the National Day of Service and Remembrance held each September 11th, the United Way of Central Maryland is providing volunteer opportunities for those wishing to serve their community. This special day is a day for Marylanders and all American citizens to join in service and honor those who have responded to our needs and the armed forces who protect our country at home and abroad.

The following organizations in Harford County are seeking volunteers for the United Way sponsored day of service on September 11:

- Anna's House, (2 teams of 5 volunteers) - Volunteers will be painting and cleaning the facility from 9:00 a.m. – 12noon. Anna's House provides transitional housing for homeless women and children and is located in Bel Air.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County - Edgewood (2 teams of 5 volunteers) - Volunteers will provide homework help, play games, and assist with other activities from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County inspires and enables all young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring individuals. This project is located in Edgewood.
- Habitat for Humanity of the Susquehanna (Shift 1) - Build a new home for Habitat for Humanity from 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Habitat for Humanity of the Susquehanna (Shift 2) - Build a new home for Habitat for Humanity from 12:00 noon - 3:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity creates homeownership opportunities by building, renovating and repairing homes. This project is located in Aberdeen.
- Harford County American Red Cross - Organize a blood drive at your place of business. Please email volunteer@uwcm.org for more information.

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In an effort to encourage participation in community service projects to help benefit the environment and end childhood hunger in Maryland, Governor Martin O'Malley officially declared September 29, 2012, an interfaith Day of Service, calling on all Marylanders to engage in community service projects focused on ending hunger and protecting the environment.

Harford County's Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is participating in the Maryland Day of Service on September 29, seeking volunteers for the following event:

- Anita C. Leight Estuary Center - Edgewood (volunteers are encouraged to bring family ages 8+ or their favorite volunteer group) – Re-route, repair water bars, and fill and mulch the entire Discovery Trail to reduce soil erosion. This project is located in Edgewood, 700 Otter Point Road. Call 410-612-1688 or visit www.otterpointcreek.org to register or for additional information.

Also in connection with the State's Day of Service initiative, the Village at Lakeview Community Center is seeking volunteers for the following event on September 26:

- Villages at Lakeview Community Center – Edgewood – Plant an indoor herb garden and serve dinner to the Center's children. This event is being held on Wednesday, September 26, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., as the Center is closed Saturday. For more information or to volunteer, contact Angela Lewis at alewis@valnncc.org.

To volunteer for the September 11th, United Way of Central Maryland events, residents are asked to contact United Way by sending an email to volunteer@uwcm.org to register as an individual or as a team of five or more volunteers and indicate "Day of Action team registration" in the email subject line. Participation is first-come/first-served and United Way asks to please allow two business days for a response. For the State of Maryland Day of Service events on September 29, volunteers are asked to contact each organization directly.

More information about volunteering year round is available at www.volunteerharford.org or by calling Volunteer Harford at 410-638-4444.